

U. S. TROOPS, WITH CIVILIANS, LAUNCH NEW MEXICAN DASH TO AVENGE ATTACK IN TEXAS

At Least Three American Soldiers Killed, Boy Brutally Murdered and Two Kidnapped by Bandits, Supposedly Carranzistas

NEW RAID DELIBERATE SCHEME TO BALK PEACE, AGUILAR CHARGES

MEXICO CITY, May 8.—In an official statement, issued here today, Minister of Foreign Relations Aguilar declares that the bandits that raided Glen Springs and Boquillas, Tex., last Friday night, were organized in the United States and that the raid was "staged" by enemies of both countries.

The statement follows: While the international difficulties arising out of the Columbus incident were about to be satisfactorily arranged by the expeditionary forces of our neighboring republic abandoning our national territory, the only point remaining undetermined being the exact date of their departure, a band of bandits, organized in the United States by Mexican traitors, entered our country. They then pretended to proceed from Mexico, again crossing the frontier and, shouting "Viva Villa" and "Viva Carranza," attacked the garrison of a small American town named Big Bend, committing all kinds of depredations.

This new outrage was committed by enemies of both countries and was launched with the criminal purpose of interrupting the favorable course of negotiations above referred to and to provoke definitely a war which the Mexican Government is trying to avoid without loss of national honor and dignity. AGUILAR.

Copies of the above statement were given the newspapers here and posted in conspicuous places about the capital. They were surrounded by crowds. The people generally received the news calmly.

American troops, a new punitive expedition into Mexico, today are pursuing outlaws, who, Friday night, raided three Texas towns in the Big Bend section, killing three United States soldiers, a deaf and dumb boy and carrying off two civilians.

Forces are being rushed from Fort Bliss and Fort Clark to be commanded by Colonel Frederick Sibley, now at Fort Clark.

Already enraged Texans are in pursuit and, according to late reports, have inflicted severe casualties among the marauders. It is said 17 were killed and many wounded.

It is reliably reported that the outlaws were Carranzistas. They came from the State of Coahuila, where Carranza declares he maintains absolute control.

SOLDIERS AND CIVILIANS CHASE BANDITS TO BORDER

EL PASO, Tex., May 8.—American troops today rushed through the desolate stretches of the Big Bend country in pursuit of Mexican bandits, who killed three American soldiers and a 10-year-old boy and captured two American citizens after a five-hour battle against a little detachment at Glen Springs, Tex.

The Big Bend country was in a white heat of rage and throughout the district citizens and other residents were rallying to the cry for vengeance.

An entire battalion ordered out by General Funston, following delayed reports of the fight, will sweep southward over the desert toward the border.

These troops are from Fort Bliss, El Paso, Fort Clark, Brackett, Tex., south of San Antonio; Presidio and Alpine.

Fifteen cavalrymen dashed out of Alpine at the first news of the raid, to the aid of another small detachment of nine men which had arrived from a nearby desert post to aid the stricken American settlement.

A posse of Texans, however, was the first to make up at Marathon, and rode swiftly to Glen Springs. There they found the Mexicans had gone on to Boquillas, they followed and arrived at Boquillas in time to relieve seven employees of the International Mines Company, who had barricaded themselves and were making a stand against the raiders.

Crossed the border into the State of Coahuila, with the posse close on their heels.

The new punitive column is composed of two troops of the 14th Cavalry, from Fort Clark, Tex., two troops of the 8th Cavalry, from Fort Bliss, a machine gun section

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THE WEATHER

Did you ever walk through the mist of a summer night (such as last night), when the crescent moon became pallid and the stars waned and the white lights of the countryside that shone through the veil were of silver and the yellow ones of the distant gold? Halos and coronas and curious spectra dotted the sky wall and the aluminum ribbons of searchlights cut through it. Trees and bushes stood like dim ghosts and swayed in fantastic shapes as the low-hanging mist washed and eddied in the wind. Ghoulish figures swept into being and faded away and were lost. It was a night such as you never see again.

Besides, the walk would have done you good if you are not "scary."

WEATHER FORECAST FOR PENNSYLVANIA

Based on a new discovery in Solar Physics, by WILLIAM W. WILSON, of the University of Pennsylvania, Sunday, May 15.—The week will open clear and cool, but with temperatures rising.

Monday, May 15.—There will be showers Monday and Tuesday.

Tuesday, May 16, and Wednesday, May 17.—Cool movement will clear the weather Tuesday, bringing somewhat cooler temperatures, with fog in the 19's.

Thursday, May 18, and Friday, May 19.—Warmer temperatures and showers will appear Thursday and continue Friday.

Saturday, May 20.—It will clear up by Saturday from cool movement.

GOVERNMENT FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday, with probably local showers; cooler Tuesday; moderate winds, mostly east.

WILSON WILL ACT WHEN BOTH SIDES ASK FOR PEACE

White House Will Not Heed Veiled Suggestion in German Note

TIME NOW INOPPORTUNE

WASHINGTON, May 8.—President Wilson will make no move in the direction of European peace at this time. The veiled suggestion that the time for such a move might be opportune, conveyed in the German note, will not be heeded by the White House.

It was learned on highest authority today that, acting on the advice of the Embassies at London and Paris, the Administration will make no move in the direction of peace proposals until the promised grand offensive of the Allies shall have been made.

It was learned today that the statement of Carl W. Ackerman, the United Press correspondent in Berlin, that certain officials of the German capital believed the time opportune for another European trip by Colonel E. M. House, occasioned no surprise at the White House. It is no longer a secret that Germany is anxious to get under way the preliminary steps to peace negotiations.

Reports from the American Embassies at London and Paris indicate, however, that any peace move on the part of President Wilson at this time would be futile.

President Wilson has no intention of taking steps toward peace when his advances might be rebuffed. Proposals

JOSEPH R. GRUNDY TO FACE GRAND JURY

Chester Hill and Richard Campion, of Pennsylvania Protective Union, Also Up

PITTSBURGH, May 8.—Joseph R. Grundy, of Bristol, director, and two other officers of the Pennsylvania Protective Union stood ready to be called when the Federal Grand Jury, reconvening at 1 o'clock today, extended the probe of the brewery contributions to political campaigns to other corporations.

The two other active figures in the Protective Union, both Philadelphia, and here on subpoena, are Chester Hill, former collector of the Port at Philadelphia, secretary of the union, and Richard Campion, treasurer.

The Protective Union, organized in the interest of the protective tariff, the Government will attempt to spend it in money from corporations which spent it in money from corporations two years ago, in violation of the Federal corrupt practices act prohibiting contributions by corporations to Federal elections.

United States Attorney E. Lowry Humes, when the Grand Jury went into session, said he did not know whether the Protective Union officials would be reached before the Grand Jury adjourned tonight. He had a number of brewery probe witnesses to examine, including Joseph DeBar, of Cincinnati, secretary of the National Wholesale Liquor Dealers' Association, and Joseph A. Keller, of Indianapolis, first vice president of the National German-American Alliance.

Takes Oath as Baker's Aid

WASHINGTON, May 8.—William L. Ingraham, former Mayor of Portland, Me., today took the oath of office as Assistant Secretary of War.



GEN. HENRI P. PETAIN Defender of Verdun, whose promotion to the command of the armies on the Aisne, between Soissons and Verdun, is believed to foreshadow an early offensive drive by the Allies.

FRENCH RETAKE GROUND LOST ON VERDUN FRONT

Recapture Trenches on Hill 304 and Lines East of Meuse

GERMANS RESUME DRIVE

PARIS, May 8.—Fighting of the utmost violence was in progress all night on the Verdun front. Following further attacks by Germans, the French launched furious counter-assaults on both sides of the Meuse, the War Office announced today in an official communique.

To the west of the Meuse the Crown Prince again hurled his legions against the French positions on Hill 304, but the Germans were thrown back after suffering heavy losses.

French counter-attacks were then delivered against the trenches on the east slope of Hill 304, which the Germans had captured on Sunday. After bloody hand-to-hand fighting the Germans were ejected from the communicating trenches, which they had taken from the French 12 hours earlier.

To the east of the Meuse the French counter-attack south of the forest of Haudromont, driving the Germans from the 500 yards of trenches they had captured on Sunday.

French military critics declared today that the German attack yesterday is the

SALUS' FOES APPEAL HIS VOTING VICTORY

Penrose-McNichol Men Test 4th Ward Residence Validity. Case Up Thursday

An appeal was filed today against the decision of the Board of Registration Commissioners, which granted State Senator Samuel W. Salus, a Vars lieutenant, the right to vote in the 4th Ward, by Isadore Stern, counsel for the Penrose-McNichol faction.

The appeal will be heard before Judges Barratt, Wessel and Rogers in Common Pleas Court No. 2 on Thursday morning. It was also learned today that the decision of the Board of Registration in regard to the Salus case was not unanimous.

Anton Rogers Woodruff, president of the board, voted against the other Commissioners, and in view of the appeal will write a dissenting opinion.

It is contended by Mr. Stern that the house at 414 South 11th street, 15th division of the 4th Ward, from which Salus is registered is not his home and that he lives in Lincoln Drive, Germantown. It is asserted that Salus uses the other address for political purposes.

Salus is endeavoring to wrest control of the 4th Ward from ex-City Commissioner Moore, a McNichol man.

Railroads Ending Plea in Trenton

TRENTON, May 8.—Final argument on the renewed application of the West Jersey and Seaboard Railroad, the Pennsylvania line, and the Atlantic City Railroad, to the Reading branch, to increase passenger rates, is being presented today before the Board of Public Utility Commissioners.

U. S. TO ACCEPT CONCESSION OF KAISER TODAY

President's Reply Probably on Way, Covers Only New U-Boat Orders

REJECTS OTHER POINTS

Made Plain Policy is Not Conditioned on Attitude Toward Great Britain

WASHINGTON, May 8.—President Wilson will accept the German reply to his submarine note late today.

It was authoritatively stated that the reply of the President will accept the German orders to submarine commanders as meeting the demands contained in his ultimatum of April 18. It also will reserve the right to deal with developments as they take place, and the right to deal with the Entente Allies as this Government sees fit.

It was stated that the note was completed at a conference late last night between the President and Secretary Lansing. It is the present intention of the Government to make the note public immediately. While officials declined to discuss the text in advance of its being made public, it was explained that the President is convinced that the German orders to submarine commanders meet the situation as he has outlined it. If these orders are scrupulously obeyed, officials say, there can be no cause for complaint in the future, and it was the future with which the President was chiefly concerned.

This note already may be on its way to Berlin. The President and Lansing conferred last night on its contents, and the fact that publication is being held up until this afternoon is believed due to the desire to give time for the note to reach Berlin.

The note, which is said to be formal acknowledgment of the receipt of the German reply, will indicate plainly, it is declared, that this Government, in accepting the new pledges by Germany, considers itself in no way bound to certain conditions laid down in the German note. The President's acknowledgment, it is said, will eliminate possibility of a break with Germany over anything that has happened in the past. Future relations, however, it will be made plain, will depend wholly on Germany and her strict adherence to the new orders she has issued.

Earlier reports today forecast that Germany would be told this Government accepted her promises at their face value and expected that they would be carried out.

It is understood that the President believes that there will be no further attacks on merchant vessels without warning, with the sanction of the German Government. It is expected in the reply to make it plain that the action of the German Government is in no way considered as conditional on action by Great Britain.

The very fact that Germany notices here already have pointed out that Germany did not consider that she had made any condition, but rather had indicated that her position was one of expectancy that the action of the British Government from England has tended to relieve the situation.

Officialdom considers that the German crisis has passed for the present, and it is expected that the President immediately will take up with Secretary Lansing the numerous matters in conflict with Great

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TAYLOR CALLS VOTERS TO AID TRANSIT FIGHT

Former Director Tells Workingmen Loan Passage Will Benefit

MAYOR SURE OF VICTORY

Smith Confers With Ward Leaders—Declares Confidence. Some McNichol Men Friendly

Taylor Tells Why Workmen Should Vote for Transit

Ex-Transit Director Taylor calls upon workingmen of Philadelphia to stand by their own best interests and support the transit loan on May 16.

Construction and maintenance of transit system planned will mean employment for thousands of men, Mr. Taylor shows. Completion of lines will mean comfortable and convenient transportation for workingmen.

Passage of loan and working out of complete Taylor program will mean abolition of discriminatory 8-cent exchange tickets and substitution of universal 5-cent fares. It will not mean tax raise; therefore, no increase in rent.

Mayor Smith announces, after conference with ward leaders, including several McNichol followers, that loans will carry by large majority.

Defeat of loan, Mr. Taylor warns, will prevent completion of Frankford "L" for indefinite period and will wreck entire Taylor plan.

Former Transit Director A. Merritt Taylor today issued a stirring appeal to the workingmen of Philadelphia to support and vote for the transit and port loan bill at the polls on May 16. He detailed the specific benefits, both in time and money, which the workingmen will realize through the passage of the loan bill and the consequent construction of the comprehensive high-speed transit system.

At the same time Mayor Smith announced that after conferences with ward leaders from all sections of the city, among them a number of McNichol leaders, he was ready to prophesy the passage of both the transit and port and the general loan bills by large majorities. Offers of aid in the campaign for the loan bills, the Mayor said, are pouring in from every side.

The appeal from ex-Director Taylor follows: TAYLOR'S ADVICE "I want every workingman in Philadelphia to realize what he can get for himself and for the members of his family by voting for the transit loan. Here are the advantages which you will get: "First, You and the members of your family will be able to accept employment in any section of Philadelphia and travel from your established home to those places of employment, regardless of distance or number of times which you have to change cars, quickly, comfortably and

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ACTION ON BRANDEIS AGAIN POSTPONED BY SENATE COMMITTEE

Possibility of Confirmation Delayed Indefinitely When Two Senators Offer Objections

WILSON LAUDS NOMINEE

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Just as the Senate Judiciary Committee, urged to action by a letter from President Wilson, prepared to battle on the confirmation of Louis D. Brandeis as Justice of the Supreme Court, two Senators objected. As a result action is postponed near again, was indefinitely postponed. Who the Senators were, members of the committee would not say.

The President's letter of last week, in which he urged quick action on Brandeis, was received with a spirit of resentment by the committee. The President wrote the letter in reply to a note from Senator Culberson asking for a statement of the "reasons which actuated the President in making the nomination." The President's letter follows: "Hon. Charles A. Culberson, "United States Senate: "My dear Senator—I am very much obliged to you for giving me an opportunity to make clear to the Judiciary Committee my reasons for nominating Louis D. Brandeis to fill the vacancy in the Supreme Court of the United States, created by the death of Mr. Justice Lamar, for I am profoundly interested in the confirmation of the appointment by the Senate.

"There is probably no more important duty imposed upon the President in connection with the general administration of the Government than that of naming members of the Supreme Court; and I

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'U-BOATS' OFF AZORES NOW THOUGHT ALLIES' LAUNCHES

NEW YORK, May 8.—The supposed "German raiders" including U-boats, which the Fabre liner Venezia sailed off the Azores, were probably British or French cruisers at target practice.

Captain Gaunt, British naval attaché, talked with Captain Boniface, of the Venezia, today, and the latter expressed his conviction that the ships were allied war vessels probably at target practice, the targets and launches towing them, being mistaken by the Venezia's crew for submarines.

This sensational statement seemingly dispenses of a sensational story published this morning and which, for a time, was talk of a fresh submarine crisis in Washington.

NEGROES, IN METHODIST CONFERENCE, NEAR RIOT CALLING ON 'OUR TEDDY'

A. M. E. Meeting Here Invites Roosevelt to Speak, After Stormy Yells for and Against His Policies

'CAN'T DO WITHOUT HIM'

Varied Views of "T. R." Held by Negro Churchmen

He is the colored man's friend. He is the colored man's worst enemy.

He is a bigger man than Lincoln.

He is a traitor and a political blackguard.

He made the colored man welcome in the White House.

He is as shy as a possum. He beams on the colored man.

He slammed the door in the face of the colored delegates at Chicago.

His heart is oozing with honey for the colored man.

He is as fickle as a nodding cotton blossom.

A black skin never fills him with prejudice.

He says "bully" to the colored man, but he does not love the man with the black skin.

The introduction of a resolution asking that Roosevelt be invited to deliver an address in Convention Hall, this city, almost started a riot among 2000 negroes assembled today at the quadrennial conference of the African Methodist Church in Bethel A. M. E. Church, 6th street below Pine.

The resolution was introduced by the Rev. P. G. Robinson, of Little Rock, Ark. The clergyman had hardly finished reading the resolution when nearly everybody in the church was on his feet.

"Hurray for Roosevelt," "Give us our Teddy bear," "Put Teddy in the presidential chair," "Down with Roosevelt," "We don't want that man Teddy" were some of the cries which came from all sections of the auditorium. The conference began to break up into little factional disputes in all parts of the church. Admirers and opponents of Roosevelt shook their fists at each other, and personalities flew thick and fast.

The Rev. W. H. Nixon, of Selma, Ala., led the fight of the Roosevelt forces.

"Theodore Roosevelt," he shouted above the din, "is a great man. He has done more for the colored man than any other man in Washington."

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EXTRA

WHITE STAR LINER CYMRIC SINKING, SAYS LLOYD REPORT

LONDON, May 8.—The White Star liner Cymric is reported sinking according to a dispatch to Lloyd's this afternoon. The Cymric carried no passengers.

PIMLICO RACING RESULTS

First race, 2-year-olds, selling, 4 1-2 furlongs—Almce T., 103, Schuttinger, \$1.10, \$3.00, \$2.80, won; Chelsea, 104, Kummer, \$10.30, \$8.10, second; Highway, 109, McAtee, \$11.30, third. Time, :57. Bendlet, Bar of Phoenix, Good Gracious, Gratitude, Light Shoes, Blue Ballot, Sally Boots and Abe Martin also ran.

TWO MORE INFANTRY COMPANIES ORDERED TO BORDER

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Secretary of War Baker this afternoon announced that at General Funston's request two companies of the 19th infantry, stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, had been ordered to proceed immediately to Fort Clark, Tex., to take the place of detachments of the 14th Cavalry sent to Glen Springs.

SUPREME COURT SENDS SPY TO ENGLAND FOR TRIAL

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Upon motion of the Attorney General, the Supreme Court of the United States today issued a mandate in the case of Ignatius Lincoln, self-described German spy, for Lincoln's extradition to England to stand trial on a charge of forgery.

RAILROADS' COMMITTEE ON DEMANDS MEETS

NEW YORK, May 8.—A committee of 17, representing railroads affected by the demands of the trainmen for an eight-hour day and wage increases, met here today in executive session to perfect organization. A chairman, secretary and all of the subcommittees will be named. No further indication of the work in hand was made public.

PAPAL DECREE SEALS DE CASTELLANE MARRIAGE

ROME, May 8.—The final decision declaring valid the marriage of Anna Gould and Count de Castellane was handed down today by the Papal Tribunal composed of Cardinals De Lai, Bisleti and Van Rossum.

EUGENE E. REED NAMED FOR PHILIPPINE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, May 8.—President Wilson today sent to the Senate the nomination of Eugene E. Reed, of New Hampshire, to be a member of the Philippine Commission.

HARKNESS, OIL MAGNATE, REMEMBERED CHARITIES

NEW YORK, May 8.—The will of Charles F. Harkness, Standard Oil magnate, who died May 1, filed today, gives \$100,000 to the endowment fund of the Presbyterian Hospital, \$250,000 to the Harkness fund of the hospital, \$500,000 to Yale and \$25,000 to the Lend-A-Hand Mission in Cleveland. Harkness' Standard Oil holdings are bequeathed to Edward Harkness, a brother, personal property and real estate go to the widow and the residue of the estate is divided between the two, who are made executors.

SMELTING COMPANY INCREASES PAY; NO ULTIMATUM

NEW YORK, May 8.—An official of the American Smelting and Refining Company says that no ultimatum has been delivered to the company by the employees at its refinery in Perth Amboy. He adds that the company has granted another voluntary increase of approximately 10 per cent. in the wages of refinery employees and all of them are at their posts and working as usual. A 10 per cent. increase in pay also has been given voluntarily by the Raritan Copper Works to its employees at Perth Amboy.

MARCONI SAYS AEROS NOW GET RADIO SIGNALS

LONDON, May 8.—Guglielmo Marconi has just arrived in London from Italy with news of important and far-reaching wireless developments. "The new developments make it difficult for the enemy to intercept or tap messages," he said. "The improvements also apply to instruments on aeroplanes and airships. Hitherto aeroplanes have been at a disadvantage, because while able to transmit messages they have been unable to receive owing to the noise of the engine drowning out the wireless signals. Now we are able to strengthen the receiving signals sufficiently to enable messages to be taken."

PARIS RENTS WINDOW FOR TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

PARIS, May 8.—The famous French academician, Rene Basin, in an article in the Echo de Paris on the splendid spirit being shown by the French nation, says all the windows in the Champs Elysees already have been rented at a high price to view the triumphal entry into Paris of the victorious French troops after the war.

PRICE OF COAL MAY BE ADVANCED TODAY

Philadelphia coal dealers today expect the anthracite operators to announce an increase in the price of coal. In case the increase is made, dealers will boost the retail prices to cover the added cost of coal to them. Operators will base the increased prices upon the additional cost of the eight-hour day and the wage increase recently granted the miners. It is expected that the added cost per ton to the dealers will be at least 40 cents.

BRITISH EXPEDITION TO SEEK SHACKELFORD PARTY

LONDON, May 8.—The British Government has decided to organize forthwith a relief expedition to send into the Antarctic to succor Lieutenant Sir Ernest Shackelton and his fellow explorers, it was announced today.

SHIP CAPTAIN SAW THREE NORSE VESSELS BURNING

LONDON, May 8.—The captain of the Swedish steamship Blenda, which has arrived at Holmstad, reports that he met, near Hanstholm, three Norwegian schooners burning, says the correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company at Copenhagen. The captain, the correspondent adds, observed a Zeppelin and three German armored trawlers in the vicinity.

LORD NORTHCLIFFE SAYS KAISER MUST PAY

NEW YORK, May 8.—Lord Northcliffe, in reply to the World's query on the possibility of an early peace, has sent this reply: "Germany can have at once the peace she is so obviously anxious for by getting out of Belgium, France, Serbia, Poland and Russia, paying full indemnities to those countries and making reparation for the outrages of her submarines."